

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Christer O. Andreasson
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Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRACKING PHARMACEUTICALS
WITHIN A FACILITY
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Examiner : Julie Bichngoc Lieu
Docket No. : 706737.38
Customer No. : 34313

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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

Sir:

Unfortunately, the Examiner's rejections in the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, cannot be understood, and clarification is requested.

The Examiner rejects claims primarily relying on Chung 2004/0036623 which has a filing date of October 9, 2001; whereas, Applicant has previously established an earlier date of invention than that. Thus, any rejection on Chung '623 is meaningless. The Examiner seems to imply on page 13 of the Office Action that maybe her rejection relates to provisional application No. 60/248,454. If so, it is noted that most of the Examiner's comments, references to Figures, and paragraphs of Chung '623 are completely meaningless because Chung's provisional 60/248,454 is extremely sketchy as has been previously pointed out, and with regard to any medical application is limited to pages 8-10 of '454.

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Accordingly, if the Examiner's rejection is with respect to 60/248,454, she should specifically identify where in those three pages 8-10 there is any support for any of the Examiner's comments. Those pages relate to dispensing medication by pharmacy to a patient and have nothing to do with the claimed monitoring of administration of a medical product to a patient.

Accordingly, clarification of the Examiner's intended rejection (or allowance, as the case may be) is respectfully requested so that a meaningful response can be made. As it stands at present, the Examiner's rejection on Chung '623 cannot stand.

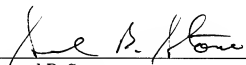
Favorable reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any fees necessary in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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